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OFFICIAL: PARISH ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Members of the Cathedral who are in good standing, as defined in the Uniform Parish Regulations, are invited to our first Parish Assembly for 2004. The Assembly will take place at the Annunciation Cathedral Wednesday, May 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Coffee will be served at 8:00 p.m.

The Agenda for the Assembly is as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Opening of the Assembly -
- Election of Assembly Chair
- Minutes of the November 19, 2003 Parish Assembly
- Treasurer's Report including 2003 Year-End Report
- Stewardship Update
- Dean's and President's Remarks
- Election of Nominating Committee
- Election of Board of Elections
- Election of Board of Auditors
- Election of Delegates to the July 25 - July 30 Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress
- Old Business
- New Business
- Closing Prayer

A Taste of Greece 2004

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL'S GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 2004

Time to get excited about our Annual Greek Food Festival, A Taste of Greece 2004! With your help, this year's Festival promises to be yet another spectacular success. Our many gourmet chefs are planning their menus, dance groups are practicing their routines and our entertainment committee is adding more family activities. Great food, great music and great entertainment all put on by our great Annunciation Cathedral Community! Make sure you mark your calendars for September 17, 18, 19, 2004...to enjoy a fun filled weekend.

Even though the Festival is still a few months

off, planning starts NOW! May 9th officially kicks off our community promotion campaign with "get the word out" fliers available at the church. Take a few home to pass out to friends, family, co-workers, business acquaintances and anyone else who'd like to experience our wonderful culture.

We're also expanding our email list to promote our festival and community. If you'd like to help expand Festival awareness "electronically", please leave your email address with Tessie Obester at tcobester@aol.com or visit our annunciation.org website and click on the festival web page. We'll put you on our list, keep you informed of Festival activities and provide you with electronic fliers to forward to all your friends.

Of course, the best promotion of all is by word of mouth, so don't be shy! Please help our community by inviting all your friends out to a great Greek weekend! We are also still looking for volunteers to help plan the festival - all talents are welcome! With just a little help from everyone, this year's Food Festival is sure to be a success!

Thank you, efharisto.

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

On the eve of the Resurrection service, I gazed around the hall, gymnasium, multi-purpose room, or whatever description you like, and thought to myself, "isn't this spectacular." . Faces were full of anticipation and I knew parishioners were glad to be together without overflowing outside the area of worship. I found so much beauty in this very simple room. As I thought about it, I realized that the reason I saw such beauty had nothing to do with the room, it was you. You, our parishioners, you our family, you our community, you our faithful. You our stewards, and you who are not stewards. You are the reason our Cathedral exists. You filled the room with light and energy. You sang of our Lord's greatest gift. You made it beautiful.

Without you, our faith is not as strong, as there is strength in numbers. Without each of you, our momentum diminishes. Without you, Cathedral life as we know it would surely cease to exist. In truth, the Annunciation Cathedral needs each and every one of you for how can we provide you with what you need if we do not receive your support?

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Stewardship is a major component of our life within the church. It is really very simple; it is giving of ourselves. It is giving of our time, our ideas, our energy, our expertise, our faith, and our money, very simply put. You see, the Cathedral is not just a simple building that goes dormant on the weekdays. It is a source of energy. It has a life all its own. This life needs your support to live, breathe, and continue to thrive. It needs you in every way that you can give.

Stewardship begins in your heart. You must ask yourself, "How can I make a difference?" It is crucial that you do not sell yourself short. Each and every one of us has something we can offer, whether it is simply an idea or whether it is a talent. Every bit helps.

Something that we are all blessed with and can give our Cathedral is money. It may sound harsh, but we all have the ability to give generously to help support our Cathedral. Our current operating budget is over one half million dollars and this is simply what is required to pay our bills and to keep our doors open. It does not include any amount that may be used toward building a true Cathedral where we can all convene together to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Our current pledge dollars do not even meet half of our operating expenses annually. The Cathedral needs more than a token pledge wherever possible. It requires you to reach deep inside yourself and to really give with your heart wide open. After all, is this not a gift that has been bestowed upon each of us from God? I truly believe that our Lord smiles when we give generously. Without generous support from each and every one of us, we can not experience the reality of building the greatest Cathedral for the greatest community.

Please share yourself with our community and with our Cathedral. If you have not made a commitment to the Cathedral, won't you find it in your heart to do so today? It is only through your generosity that we may someday live the dream of uniting under one roof to share in the Divine Liturgy not simply once a year, but each and every Sunday.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Annunciation Cathedral has received a \$1,000 IBM Community Grant based on an application which was submitted by Angie Leventis.

The IBM Community Grants

program provides money or IBM products to eligible community organizations and schools where IBM employees and retirees are actively volunteering, and in support of specific projects.

The project which was submitted by Angie, a former employee and retiree of IBM, is the outreach program called the Angel Tree Project which the Philoptochos has been sponsoring for the last seven years at Christmas time. The money will be used to help our efforts in this regard.

Angie Leventis is reservations chair - phone number 650/878-2855 - for the Annual Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show. This year's event "A Bridal Affair" promises to be a truly nostalgic event, spanning many decades - *even centuries* - of beautiful bridal gowns. Angie urges everyone to make their reservations as quickly as possible. A flyer is included elsewhere in this issue of the Herald. We look forward to seeing many of our parishioners in attendance for this wonderful event.

MAY 15:

A NIGHT WITH BASILE (BILLY) KATSIKAS (GOAT)

You've heard of Basile! Actually, his name is Vasilios (Basile is a shortened version) Katsikas, which literally translates, "Billy Goat." He's a comedian, and quite funny. He makes Greek-Americans laugh about their experiences growing up as Greek-Americans. Last year, he appeared in Oakland, at the Ascension Cathedral and brought the house down. This year, Vasili is back on the West Coast. We've invited him to perform at the Annunciation Cathedral, which he will do, with all new material, on **Saturday, May 15**, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be preceded at 7:00 p.m. by a social, including hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine, and a no-host bar. An evening of fun and laughter. You may reserve tickets for the occasion, on a first-come first-serve basis, by completing the reply form found elsewhere in this issue of the Herald, or by calling the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000. The donation is \$40 per person, and we will have attended parking.

Meanwhile, Pat Aleck, Pat Destein, and Dr. George Ambadiotakis Ambus are heading a committee which is working to make the evening of May 15 with

Basile, a night to remember. For further information, call Pat Aleck, at 415 566-8544, Pat Destein, at 415 883-7477, or Dr. George Ambadiotakis Ambus, at 650 583-5121.

RECENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

BAPTISMS

Constantine Alexander, son of Athanasios Golematis and Maria Georgianni Golematis, was baptized at the Cathedral March 28. His sponsors are Anastasios and Gerasimoula Fiori Simotas and Margarita Bezaitis.

Jeffrey William, son of James Edward Price and May Yoshiko Kumagai Price, was baptized at the Cathedral April 3. His sponsor is Emily Bagatelos

Kostadino Huy, son of Panos Gus Lekas and Julie Thu Yen Pho Lekas, was baptized at the Cathedral April 17. His sponsors are George and Sandra Bezaitis.

Kristen Maryann, daughter of Robert Burr and Nancy Svetcoff Burr, was baptized by Fr. Stephen at the Ascension Cathedral April 17. Her sponsors are Joanna Karaden and Frank Koukis.

Nikolas Manoli, son of Nikolaos Peter Paras and Shannon Maree McKittrick Paras, was baptized at the Cathedral April 24. His sponsors are Constantine and Heidi Gomoziyas.

Na Mas Zisoun!

FUNERALS

George Allen, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 30, was buried April 6. Next of kin is his brother, Thomas Allen.

John C. Vlahos, who fell asleep in the Lord on April 12, was buried April 16. Next of kin are his wife, Georgia Vlahos and sons, Chris, Alexis, Greg and John.

Katherine Vallee, who fell asleep in the Lord on April 17, was buried April 21. Next of kin are her son, Ronald Vallee and brother, Emanuel Prongos.

Maria Stelios Vafiadis, who fell asleep in the Lord on April 16, was buried April 22. Next of kin are her father and mother, Stelios and Irene Vafiadis, and her brother Nikolaos Vafiadis.

*Aionia afion i mnimi!
May their memory be eternal!*

Cathedral Visual Memories



Annunciation Sunday School 5th and 6th grade class photo



Metropolitan Anthony, Father Stephen, Denise Yeilding,
and Oratorical Festival Junior Division Participants

FOCUS ON YOUTH

SUMMER CAMP 2004: "FROM CREEDS TO DEEDS"

St. Nicholas Ranch has announced the dates for Summer Camp 2004. The three weeks of summer camp are July 11-17, July 18-24 and July 25-31. The theme of this year's camp is From Creeds to Deeds. Application forms are available in the Church office, and are also available online at <http://www.stnicholasranch.org/summercamp.htm>.

DANCE GROUP GLENDI JUNE 5

The Annunciation dance groups will be hosting a Glendi, entitled "Year of the Dancers" on June 5, 2004, at the Annunciation Korinthias Hall. "Year of the Dancers" promises to be gala event with an evening of fun and dancing with live music by Greek Compania. The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers with dinner to follow. The cost of the Glendi is \$35.00 per person, \$15.00 for teens and \$10.00 for children under 10 years of age. For further information or to make a reservation contact Tula Kallas-Chase at 510 432-0194 or Athena Stavrakaras at 650 219-4168 or complete the cutoff portion of the flyer elsewhere in this issue of the *Herald*.

BASKETBALL

Thank you for supporting Annunciation's teams. We have twelve of them. Right now, we are in the midst of Varsity Basketball, which began on March 14. Below is the

schedule of games during the months of April and May, at the Annunciation Cathedral. (The season concludes in May.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Our Team vs.</u>
Wed., May 5	7:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	#2 and Holy Trinity #1 #3 and St. George #1
Thu., May 13	7:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	#1 and Annunciation #2 #3 and Holy Trinity #1
Sun., May 16	2:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Girls HS & Holy Cross HS HS and Holy Trinity HS #1 and Holy Trinity #3 #1 and Holy Trinity #1

MEANWHILE - DOWN AT THE RANCH...

The Memorial Day Weekend Family-Building Alternative Spring Family Camp: Remake the Lake!

Come to the Ranch this Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-31) for a program of family fun and adventure! The weekend's program will include archery, canoeing, fishing, ice-cream making, hayrides, campfires, a BBQ, field trips to Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks, and more! Participate with other families in a Ranch lake restoration project that will include building a boat dock and renovating the lakeside fire pit and stage. For more information and a registration form, please visit the Ranch's website at <http://www.stnicholasranch.org/GroupCamp.htm> or contact the Ranch at (559)338-2103, or email at: info@stnicholasranch.org.



One of our several Cathedral Sunday School classes.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

*The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
of the Annunciation Cathedral*

Request the pleasure of your company

At the 45th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show

A Bridal Affair

On Saturday, the eighth of May

Two thousand and four

At eleven thirty in the morning until three thirty in the afternoon

Annunciation Cathedral Korinthias Hall

245 Valencia Street

San Francisco

Reservations \$40.00 per person

For reservations please call 415 864-8000

Attended parking available

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RSVP

Name _____


Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$40.00 per person or table of 10 for \$400.00

*Make checks payable to Ladies Philoptochos Society and return by April 25, 2004
245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94103*

Tickets and seat assignments will be waiting for you at the door the day of the event



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Annunciation Dance Groups

will host

"YEAR OF THE DANCERS"

A fun filled Glendi

Saturday June 5, 2004

At the Annunciation Cathedral
245 Valencia St., San Francisco

6:00 p.m. - cocktails and appetizers

7:00 p.m. - dinner

Zorba the Night Away
with live music by Greek Compania!

\$35.00 per person

\$15.00 for 11-17 year olds

\$10.00 for 5-10 year olds

Valet Parking Available

For information and reservations contact

Tula Kallas-Chase 510-4320

Athena Stavarakas 650/219-4168

Please reserve # of seats at \$35.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$10.00 _____

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____

Make Checks payable to: Annunciation Cathedral Dance Groups

Please return form to: Kathie Garibaldi, 251 Palm Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030

Annunciation Cathedral Calendar of Events

May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sunday Schedule 9:00 am - Orthros 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy & Sunday School 12:00 am - Coffee Hour 12:30 am - Greek Bible Study				
		May 3 - 6 - Fr. Stephen at meetings of the Archdiocese Benefits Committee				12 - Mothers Day Luncheon MOTHER OF THE YEAR
2	3	Dance Practice as scheduled	4	Basketball Games	5	Basketball Practice as scheduled
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9	10	Dance Practice as scheduled	11	Basketball Practice as scheduled	12	Basketball Games
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Basketball Games		Dance Practice as scheduled	7 - Parish Assembly Basketball Practice as scheduled	19	Basketball Practice as scheduled	20
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23	24	Dance Practice as scheduled	25	Basketball Practice as scheduled	26	Basketball Practice as scheduled
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Join us for an evening of fun and laughter as The
Annunciation Cathedral presents the comedy of
"BASILE"



Saturday, May 15, 2004

at The Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine and no host bar at 7:00 p.m.

Performance at 8:00 p.m.

\$40.00 per person

Attended Parking

"BASILE" Saturday, May 15, 2004

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone Number_____

Please reserve_____seat(s) @ \$40.00 per person. Make checks payable to The
Annunciation Cathedral and return by May 1, 2004 to 245 Valencia Street,
San Francisco, CA 94103

For further information call Pat Aleck (415)566-8544, Pat Destein (415)883-7477 or
Dr. George Ambadiotakis Ambus (650)583-5121.

ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

ΓΕΥΜΑ-ΦΑΣΙΟΝ ΣΟΟΥ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΜΗ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ

Το παραδοσιακό αυτό γεύμα-φάσιον σόου θα λάβει χώρα στην μεγάλη αίθουσα δεξιώσεων του Καθεδρικού Ναού το Σάββατο, 8 Μαΐου, 11:30 π.μ.-3:00 π.μ. Το θέμα του φάσιον σόου θα είναι η Ελληνο-Αμερικανίδα ως Νύμφη· θα παρουσιαστούν διάφορα φυτικά. Η προσφορά είναι \$40 το άτομο. Για να κλείσετε θέσεις, συμπληρώστε και αποστείλετε το απόκομμα του προσκλητηρίου που σας εστάλη πρόσφατα, ή τηλεφωνείτε στο γραφείο της Κοινότητας, στο 415 864-8000.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Καλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού στην πρώτη του 2004 Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών που θα λάβει χώραν στην αίθουσα συνεδριάσεων του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού την Τετάρτη, 19 Μαΐου, 7-8 μ.μ. Εκτός απο την προσευχή, και την εκλογή του πρόεδρου της Συνελεύσεως, θέματα συζητήσεως θα είναι τα πρακτικά της Συνελεύσεως της 19ης Νοεμβρίου 2003, απολογισμός ταμία, Εκλογής Ονομαστικής Επιτροπής-Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής για τις Εκλογές του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου, Εκλογή αντιπροσώπων στην Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση της Αρχιεπισκοπής, που θα λάβει χώραν εις την Νέαν Υόρκην 25-30 Ιουλίου 2004, η Δεύτερη Φάση της Ανοικοδομήσεως, παλαιά θέματα και καινούργια θέματα.

Υπενθυμίζεστε ότι, σύμφωνα με το 7ο άρθρο, 4ο τμήμα των Ομοιομόρφων Κανονισμών της Αρχιεπισκοπής, η Γενική Συνέλευσις απαρτίζεται από

μέλη της Κοινότητας που έχουν εκπληρώσει τις οικονομικές τους υποχρεώσεις στην Κοινότητα, δηλαδή είναι ενεργά μέλη της Κοινότητας και είναι εν τάξει με την Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία. Αναμένεται ότι η Γενική αυτή Συνέλευση θα κρατήσει όχι παρα πάνω από μιαν ώρα.

ΚΛΗΡΙΚΟ-ΛΑΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΗΣ Ι. ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗΣ

Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δημήτριος ανακοίνωσε πρόσφατα ότι η Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής θα συνέλθει στην Νέαν Υόρκη 25-29 Ιουλίου, 2004, με θέμα· κτίζοντας κοινότητες πίστες και αγάπης. Η Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα εκλέξει εκπροσώπους στην πρώτη συνέλευση που θα γίνει κατά την άνοιξη του 2004. Το ίδιο θα κάμει και η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού εφ' όσον θα συνεδριάσει, τον ίδιο καιρό, και η Εθνική Φιλόπρωχος της Ιεράς μας Αρχιεπισκοπής.

ΒΙΒΛΙΚΗ ΜΕΛΕΤΗ

Καθ' όλες τις Κυριακές του Μαΐου, μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, η Μελέτη της Αγίας Γραφής συνεχίζεται, με την Μαρίνα Τεύλορ, με θέματα 1. Τα Πάθη, τον Σταυρό και την Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας, και 2. Πως κι εμείς πρέπει να συσταυρωθούμε μαζί Του. Μερικές από τις Ερμηνείες που θα καλυφθούν, σύμφωνα με την Αγία Γραφή και τους Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας είναι: Οι Δυο Φύσεις του Χριστού κατά το 'Αγιον Πάθος· Οι Επτά Λόγοι του Κυρίου πάνω στο Σταυρό· Ο Νυμφίος της Εκκλησίας, Η Αξία της Κυριακής, και Η Έννοια του Πάσχα.

Μην λησμονήσετε να φέρνετε κάθε Κυριακή την Καινή Διαθήκη και το κασσετόφωνο σας.



The 50th Anniversary of the ordination of His Grace, Bishop Anthimos

EASTERN ORTHODOX ETHICS *

Eastern Orthodox Christian ethics bases its ethical judgments on Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition. Holy Tradition consists of the "mind of the Church" and is discerned in the decisions of ecumenical and local councils, the writings of the Fathers of the Church, canon law, and the penitentials (guides for the administration of the sacrament of Penance).

Issues not directly treated in the ancient sources are dealt with by modern Orthodox ethicists by seeking to express ethical judgments that are in harmony with the "mind of the Church." Thus, their writings have a certain provisional character and are always subject to episcopal, synodical, or general ecclesial critique. There are occasionally differences of substance in the writings of modern Orthodox Christian ethicists. By and large, however, responsible Orthodox ethicists maintain a common ethical stance. Modern issues in bioethics often require of ethicists that they find parallels in the tradition and, with the help of reason, deduce new ethical applications from established doctrinal, historical, and pastoral positions.

Basic doctrine and ethical affirmations

The Eastern Christian doctrinal position tends to be cautious in defining positively the central affirmations of its faith. It prefers the *via negativa*, or "apophatic" method (i.e., saying what is not the case). In ethics, a practice may be proscribed as not in harmony with the ethos of the faith, but often no positive solution is offered other than the need for patience and acceptance of the situation.

Nevertheless, Eastern Orthodox Christianity does avail itself of positive or "kataphatic" doctrinal and ethical statements. These are taken seriously when they are normative in character, but not in a rigid, legalistic, or absolute fashion. All positive statements regarding divine revelation - the Tradition - are seen as limited and subject to mystery as a necessary dimension of all human understandings of the divine. In canon

law and in ethics this has led to the practice of "economia," which authorizes exceptions to the rule without considering the exception a precedent or abrogating the rule. In most cases the justification for the application of "economia" is the avoidance of greater harm in the case of the strict application of the rule (Kotsonis). Several key doctrinal teachings have immediate ethical application with specific reference to bioethical issues.

Theological anthropology

The humanum of our existence is both a given and a potential. Some of the patristic authorities distinguish between the creation of human beings in the "image" of God, and in his "likeness." "Image" is the donatum of intellect, emotion, ethical judgment, and self-determination. In fallen humanity these remain part of human nature, albeit darkened, wounded, and weakened. The "likeness" is the human potential to become like God, to achieve an ever expanding, never completed perfection. This fulfillment of our humanity is traditionally referred to as *theosis* or "divinization." Human beings are in fact "less than fully human." To achieve *theosis* means to realize our full human potential. Ethically, this teaching leads to the acceptance, on the one hand, of the existence of a "human nature," but, on the other, it clearly does not restrict our "humanum" to conformity to that nature. The "image" provides a firm foundation for ethical reasoning. The "likeness" prohibits the absolutizing of any rule, law, or formulation (Maloney).

Divine energies and human self-determination

Though God's essence is totally incomprehensible to the human mind, God's energies are present in every human experience. To speak of divine energies is to speak of God's actions in relation to the created world. The relationship of God's energies to human freedom and self-determination has obvious ethical implications. Orthodox Christianity teaches that, though God is Lord of history, he does not coerce or force obedience and conformity to his will. Coerced

conformity is dehumanization, whereas fulfilled humanity - which is the divinization of human life - must be free, since God is free. This raises the question of Divine Providence and Human Responsibility. Orthodox Christianity holds these two in paradoxical tension: man is responsible and must act, but God accomplishes his will, either with or in spite of man's actions. Ideally, human actions are harmoniously integrated with divine purposes in a perfect synergy of divine and human wills. This belief is but an extension and application of the Orthodox doctrine of the divine and human natures in the one person of Jesus Christ. Ethically, this means that we are not permitted simply to wait upon God. Rather, we are committed to the exercise of self-determination and responsibility in conformity with both human reality and divine purpose (Florovsky, pp. 113-120).

Body-spirit

God is seen as the creator of both the material and the spiritual dimensions of reality. Eastern Orthodox Christianity sees these aspects of existence as closely bound together. The icon is an example of this belief. At first sight, the icon appears to be a stylized artistic representation of a holy figure. Yet the iconographer's purpose is to capture in form, line, color, and symbol both the spiritual and the physical reality of the figure. The sacramental use of material means (such as water, oil, bread, wine, etc.) for spiritual purposes also illustrates Eastern Orthodoxy's comprehension of the intimate relationship of matter and spirit. For bioethics, this key concept is important because it leads to a serious affirmation of the psychosomatic unity of human life. "Body" and "soul" are the constituents of human existence; the Orthodox emphasis on the Resurrection confirms its view that human life and human fulfillment are inextricably bound to both the physical and the spiritual dimensions of human existence. In more contemporary terms, body and personhood are essential for the fulfillment of human potential (Antoniades, 1:204-208).

united in love, the Church teaches that being God-like means being loving. In general, the commandments - of the moral law are embodiments of loving concern for the welfare of others. Consequently, in most situations the loving action is in conformity with the guidelines provided by the commandments (Harakas, 1970).

The possibility remains open, however, for the exception, i.e., for the exercise of "economia" when conformity to the prescribed action is perceived as detracting from the basic intent of all reasoning - the advancement of each person in community toward the fulfillment of the image and likeness of God. Thus, both order and compassion are harmonized in an approach to Christian ethics that seeks to avoid the extremes of legalism and relativism.

Bioethics.

It is convenient to treat the Eastern Orthodox approach to bioethics under two major rubrics: the protection of life and the transmission of life. Implicit in the treatment of each of the bioethical issues are the affirmations implied in the doctrines of the image and likeness, theosis, human self-determination and responsibility, the intimate bond of body and personhood, and the interpenetrating relationship of commandment, love, and the realization of true human potential.

The protection of life.

Orthodox Christian ethical thought universally holds that life is a gift of God and as such is the necessary prerequisite of all other physical, spiritual, and moral values. As a gift of God it is a moral good held by the individual and by societies in trust, and over which they do not have absolute control. Both the individual and societies, however, are charged with the moral responsibility of protecting, transmit-

ting, and enhancing life. The concerns of bioethics relate primarily to the first two of these concerns.

Generally speaking, human responsibility for the preservation of life means that we are not given the right to terminate human life. Even the exceptions to this rule are understood as arising when conflicting claims to life become mutually exclusive, and a choice must be made. The preservation and protection of life are thus seen as crucial in ethical decision making. Since life is the prerequisite of all other this-worldly goods such as education, intelligence, social worth, and service to humanity, it has an intrinsic value that may not be violated under normal circumstances.

(* While the information contained in this timely article is not definitive, i.e. the final word, it represents current thinking relative to a number of contemporary issues. We hope you find the information useful in understanding the approach of the Orthodox Church to these vital issues. This is part one of three parts. The other two will appear in subsequent issues of the *Herald*.)

WEBSITE ARCHIVE IN THE MAKING

For the past 2 weeks, we have been compiling photos from our archives located in the basement of the Cathedral. The purpose is to scan photos and present them in a way that not only conveys the history of our Annunciation family, but the history of Greek Americans in the Bay Area. It is easy for us because our community has the oldest history and it makes interesting reading. The pages will increase traffic to our web site and will improve our rankings within search engines

based on several criteria.

We have scanned about thirty photos so far, we have created a few banners that will go at the top of pages that are comprised of five photos and we will alternate them to give the visitor a different visual experience. We have not put all of them up yet.

We have scanned about thirty photos so far. Not all of them have been put up yet.

Digging through archives can be very tedious. We are asking for everyone's help. There are a few things we have not found yet.

- 1) Photos of priests prior to Fr. Theophilos - prior to 1971.
- 2) More old photos of the church from the 40's, 50's and 60's.
- 3) We scanned to photos of the Philoptochos board from 1972 and 1976 and would love to get more.
- 4) Group shots of sports teams.
- 5) Group shots of GOYA, YAL, and dance troupes from prior years.
- 6) Photos of Greek Independence Day celebrations - especially very old photos.

If there is anyone who has photos, or know of someone who has some, we would gladly scan them and return them quickly. We are looking forward to seeing our history on our website told through photographs.

The address will be:

[www.annunciation.org/
photoarchive](http://www.annunciation.org/photoarchive)

Thank you all for your time and help.



Our Cathedral's young people hard at work raising funds for youth activities

DATES
TO REMEMBER

MAY 8
MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

MAY 18
A NIGHT WITH
VASILIOS KATSIKAS

JUNE 5
DANCE GROUP GLENDI

JUNE 20
FATHER'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

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Happy  
Mother's Day -  
To All Mom's -  
You're  
the Best!

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